



Rocky Point Ramble

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JUNE 2016 RANGER-LED ACTIVITY GUIDE

However you choose to experience the park, Glacier National Park has a ranger-led program designed just for you. Join us in exploring the natural and cultural resources of the park. Ranger-led programs include a variety of guided hikes, talks, boat tours, drop-in programs, InstaMeets and more. Park partners also offer a great selection of fee-based programs. Use this guide to find and schedule your experience today!

June Highlights

Become a Junior Ranger



The Junior Ranger Program is an enjoyable way for kids and families to learn how to keep Glacier National Park wild and beautiful.

Stop by the Apgar, St. Mary, or Logan Pass Visitor Centers, or the Apgar Nature Center, and pick up a free Junior Ranger Activity Booklet. There is a pre-reader version of the booklet for our youngest junior rangers. Children (and maybe parents too!) will be challenged to complete the activities and earn an official Glacier Junior Ranger Badge.



Inquisitive bear SETH WOLFSHORNDL

Centennial Presentation



National Park Service Centennial Evening Program
Why is the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service garnering so much attention? Come learn what the NPS is all about and how Glacier National Park fits in to the big picture.
45 minutes
Monday, June 20 and June 27, 8 pm
St. Mary Visitor Center Auditorium



#InstaMeets



Come together to connect, explore, and celebrate your creativity with your camera. Join us for a photography-oriented gathering to take photos and exchange ideas. Participants are encouraged to share their photos on social media using #GlacierNPS.

Two Medicine Sunset #InstaMeet
Saturday, June 11, 8 pm
Two Medicine Campstore Parking Lot

Logan Pass Sunset #InstaMeet
Saturday, June 25, 8 pm
Logan Pass Parking Lot

Apgar Nature Center



Families visiting Glacier National Park often seek unique experiences and activities. The Apgar Nature Center, located in Apgar Village, provides exciting learning opportunities designed specifically for families, including hands-on exhibits, youth-based activities, and ranger-led programs. Whether you want to touch a grizzly bear's claw, feel a wolf's pelt, hold a fossil, or discover other park treasures, the Apgar Nature Center offers something special for all ages and interests.

10 am to 4 pm
Open daily from June 18 through August 28



Apgar Nature Center NPS PHOTO

Glacier Park Boat Company Guided Tours and Hikes

Glacier Park Boat Company offers scenic boat tours, some with optional guided hikes. Tour lengths and prices vary by location. Boat tours are available at Lake McDonald, Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and on St. Mary Lake at Rising Sun. Reservations* are highly recommended and can be made online or by phone. Walk-up tickets may also be available at the ticket offices near the boat docks.
(406) 257-2426
www.glacierparkboats.com

**Reservations for Many Glacier and Two Medicine require one day advance notice for groups of 14 or less. Same day reservations are accepted for Lake McDonald and Rising Sun. All locations require three days advance notice for groups of 15 or more.*

Grinnell Valley Cruise & Hike
Take a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent Lake and Lake Josephine (a ¼-mile walk over a moderate hill is required between the lakes) followed by an optional walk to spectacular Grinnell Lake.
Fee: \$26 adults; \$13 children ages 4-12; free for children ages three and younger. Hike dependent on trail conditions.
Daily 9 am and 2 pm
3½ to 4 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) hike
Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock
(Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure)

Two Medicine Lake Cruise & Hike
Cruise on scenic Two Medicine Lake followed by an optional walk to beautiful Twin Falls.
Fee: \$13 adults; \$6.50 children ages 4-12; free for children ages three and younger. Hike dependent on trail conditions.
Daily 1 pm and 3 pm
2½ to 3 hours, easy 1.8-mile (2.9 km) hike
Two Medicine Boat Dock
(Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure)

Glacier Institute Education Programs

The **Glacier Institute** is a private nonprofit partner, providing hands-on, field-based educational adventures to people from all over the world. Classrooms are the mountain trails and vast river basins that are home to more than 1,100 species of native plants, over 270 species of birds, and nearly 70 species of mammals. Instructors are recognized experts in their fields, published authors, wildlife biologists, college professors, naturalists, and teachers.
(406) 755-1211
register@GlacierInstitute.org
www.glacierInstitute.org



Grinnell Glacier COURTESY GLACIER INSTITUTE

A Sampling of Courses Offered in June		
The Uncommon Loon	June 11	\$65
Wolves of the North Fork Valley	June 12	\$65
Orchids - Glacier's Precious Beauties	June 12	\$65
Glacier's Birds of Prey	June 13-14	\$160
Beavers: Glacier's Habitat Builders	June 15	\$65
Glacier Close Up - Macrophotography	June 18	\$75
Owl Prowl in the North Fork	June 27	\$65
Fire Lookouts of Glacier - Apgar Lookout	June 28	\$65
Fly Fishing for Beginners	June 29	\$65

Lake McDonald Valley		W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T
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9:00 am	Avalanche Lake Hike		•									•					•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9:00 am	Journey to Apgar Lookout Hike																								•						
9:30 am	Creekside Stroll	•					•									•		•		•	•		•		•		•	•		•	
9:30 am	Under the Conifers Walk															•								•				•			
10:00 am	Apgar Nature Center (open 10 am to 4 pm)	♿																	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10:00 am	Junior Ranger Explorers Walk																					•		•					•		•
10:00 am	Nurturing Native Plants Walking Tour	♿													•								•						•		
10:00 am	Rocky Point Ramble		•							•					•		•						•		•				•		•
10:30 am	Wildlife Encounters Talk	♿	•			•	•		•	•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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1:30 pm	Amazing Animals Talk	♿												•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1:30 pm	Lake McDonald Boat Tour	♿	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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2:00 pm	Sculpting the Landscape Walk					•				•								•												•	
2:30 pm	From Seeds to Cedars Walk							•								•							•						•		
3:00 pm	Lake McDonald Boat Tour	♿	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3:00 pm	Ranger's Choice Talk	♿											•	•		•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3:30 pm	Sanctuary of Cedars (3:30 pm to 5 pm)	♿			•				•	•						•				•	•		•				•				
4:00 pm	Johns Lake Loop Hike			•			•												•	•		•			•		•		•		
4:00 pm	A Walk Through Time		•			•								•	•	•							•					•		•	
8:00 pm	Apgar Campground Evening Talk	♿	•			•				•		•	•			•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8:30 pm	Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program	♿	•				•	•			•			•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9:00 pm	Fish Creek Campground Evening Program	♿			•							•			•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Talks



Amazing Animals Talk
Explore the natural history and adaptations of some of Glacier’s famous inhabitants.
30 minutes
Apgar Nature Center talk area
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Ranger’s Choice Talk
Discover unique aspects of the park as a park ranger explores a topic of his/her choice.
30 minutes
Apgar Nature Center talk area
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Wildlife Encounters Talk
Bear? Mountain lion? Learn how to enjoy the park safely. Includes a bear spray demonstration.
15-20 minutes
Apgar Visitor Center Plaza

Evening Programs



Apgar Campground Evening Talk
Explore Glacier’s natural and cultural history along the shore of Lake McDonald. Check bulletin boards for specific topics. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
45 minutes
Apgar Campground Amphitheater

Fish Creek Campground Evening Program
Sit back, relax, and uncover the diversity of Glacier National Park. Check bulletin boards for specific topics. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
45 minutes
Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater

Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program
Spend an evening discovering the many wonders of Glacier National Park. Check bulletin boards for specific topics. All park visitors welcome.
45 minutes
Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium

Johns Lake Loop Hike NPS PHOTO / MARC NEIDIG

Birding for Beginners Walk NPS PHOTO / MARC NEIDIG

Walks and Hikes



Avalanche Lake Hike
Journey through a majestic old growth forest to scenic Avalanche Lake and uncover the intricacies of this unique environment.
3½ hours, moderate 5-mile (8 km) hike
Avalanche Creek roadside parking area

Birding for Beginners Walk
Join this introductory bird walk and learn how to use field guides and binoculars to identify Glacier’s birds and uncover their natural history. Bring binoculars.
2 hours, easy 1.5-mile (2.4 km) walk
Make reservations, in person, up to three days in advance at the Apgar Visitor Center. Ask about accessibility.

Creekside Stroll
Enjoy a casual stroll through diverse habitats along beautiful lower McDonald Creek.
2¼ hours, easy 2-mile (2.8 km) walk
Apgar Visitor Center flagpole

From Seeds to Cedars Walk
Discover wildflowers, trees, and other plant life living in Glacier’s dynamic landscape.
2 hours, moderate 2-mile (3.2 km) walk
McDonald Creek Bridge on Camas Road
(0.25 miles west of the Apgar Village turnoff)

Johns Lake Loop Hike
Explore striking cedar-hemlock forests, quiet lakes, and roaring cascades on this leisurely hike.
2 hours, easy 3-mile (4.8 km) hike
Johns Lake trailhead
(1.5 miles north of the Lake McDonald Lodge on the Going-to-the-Sun Road)

Journey to Apgar Lookout Hike
Ascend through an emerging forest to a mountain summit and find inspiration in the breathtaking views from a historic fire tower.
5 hours, strenuous 6.6-mile (10.6 km) hike
Apgar Lookout trailhead
(Turn on Quarter Circle Bridge Road 0.5 mile north of the West Entrance and continue ~2.5 miles)

Nurturing Native Plants
Take an intimate look at how plants are grown in the park’s Native Plant Nursery and used in revegetation projects throughout the park.
1½ hours, easy walking tour
Park Headquarters flagpole

Rocky Point Ramble
Enjoy scenic vistas and a diverse landscape as you hike along an ever-changing trail to the shores of Lake McDonald.
2 hours, moderate 2.25-mile (3.6 km) hike
Rocky Point trailhead
(0.25 mile north of Fish Creek Campground kiosk on the Inside North Fork Road)

Sculpting the Landscape Walk
Unearth the dynamic forces that build and shape the dramatic scenery in the park.
2 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) walk
Johns Lake trailhead

Under the Conifers Walk
Explore the dramatic forest bordering the stunning cascades of upper McDonald Creek.
2 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) walk
Second pullout 0.7 miles north of North Lake McDonald Road
(Going-to-the-Sun Road 2 miles north of Lake McDonald Lodge)

A Walk Through Time
Enjoy a historical walking tour and unravel the unique history of the Lake McDonald Lodge and surrounding area.
1 hour, easy walking tour
Lake McDonald Lodge lakeside entrance

Boat Tours



Lake McDonald Boat Tour
Cruise on Lake McDonald and enjoy a sampling of Glacier’s stories aboard the historic DeSmet. Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure.
Fee: \$17.25 adults; \$8.75 children ages 4-12; free for ages 3 and younger. Reservations are highly recommended. For reservations, call (406) 257-2426 or visit www.glacierparkboats.com.
1 hour
Lake McDonald Lodge Boat Dock

Drop-in Programs



Park rangers will be available during the times listed. “Drop-in” and see what we are up to. Stay for a minute or stay for an hour.

Apgar Nature Center Exploration
Touch a grizzly bear’s claws, feel a wolf’s coat, or hold an elk’s antler. Rangers and volunteers will teach the whole family about what makes Glacier special. Family friendly.
Anytime between 10 am and 4 pm
Apgar Nature Center
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Sanctuary of Cedars
Relish in the splendors and diversity of the park’s iconic old growth forest.
Anytime between 3:30 pm and 5 pm
0.25-mile up the Trail of the Cedars’ southeast boardwalk
(Avalanche Creek area on the Going-to-the-Sun Road)

Children’s Programs



Children’s programs are designed specifically for families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult while in attendance.

Junior Ranger Discovery Talk
Discover what makes Glacier National Park unique during this hands-on, interactive talk. All ages.
20-30 minutes
Apgar Nature Center
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Junior Ranger Explorers Walk
Explore the fascinating connections between the plants, animals, and non-living material on this interactive hike. Ages 6 and older.
1½ hours, easy 1.5-mile (2.4 km) walk
Apgar Nature Center
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Creekside Stroll NPS PHOTO / MARC NEIDIG

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10:15 am	Morning Highline Stroll																									•		•	•	•	•	•

Walks & Hikes



Morning Highline Stroll

Explore the breathtaking beginning of the Highline Trail on a ranger-led hike packed with panoramas of alpine meadows, glacially-sculpted valleys, and soaring peaks. Wildlife thrives in this lofty locale, including bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and marmots. Continue the trail on your own or hike back with the ranger to the Logan Pass parking area.

Note: Trail typically opens in late June. Check its status at a visitor center before traveling to Logan Pass.

3 hours, moderate 3 to 4-mile (4.8-6.4 km) hike

Flagpoles along the front sidewalk of the Logan Pass Visitor Center



Glacier Lilies

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Mt. Reynolds

NPS PHOTO / JON RINER

Goat Haunt		W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T
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10:00 am	International Peace Park Hike																												•		
11:15 pm	Kootenai Lakes Hike																					•			•				•		
11:15 am	Lake Janet Hike																			•				•		•					
11:15 am	Rainbow Falls Hike																				•	•	•		•	•		•		•	•

Walks & Hikes



International Peace Park Hike

Hike with both U.S. National Park Service and Parks Canada staff on this exploration of the world’s first International Peace Park. Hike across the international boundary from Waterton to Goat Haunt and return to Waterton via boat. Each hike includes a boat trip fee and is limited to 35 people. You must pre-register at either the St. Mary Visitor Center in Glacier (406-732-7750) or the Waterton Lakes Visitor Information Centre in Waterton (403-859-5133). Reservations are only accepted for the next scheduled hike (open on Tuesdays for Friday hikes; open on Fridays for Tuesday hikes).

7 hours, moderate 8.5-mile (13.6 km) hike
Bertha Lake trailhead in Waterton Townsite

Kootenai Lakes Hike

Join the ranger-guided hike through excellent moose habitat to Kootenai Lakes. These lakes lie beneath looming Citadel Peak. There is little elevation gain as we hike through mature forest and meadows. Take the 10:00 a.m. cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on the 2:30 p.m. boat.

3 hours, moderate 6-mile (9.7 km) hike
Goat Haunt Ranger Station

Lake Janet Hike

Take a backcountry hike with a ranger, following Porcupine Ridge through old-growth forest to this spectacular mountain lake. We will gain 800 feet over 3.5 miles. Take the 10:00 a.m. cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on the 5:30 p.m. boat.

4.5 hours, moderate 7-mile (11.2 km) hike
Goat Haunt Ranger Station

Rainbow Falls Hike

Discover the wonder of water along the powerful Waterton River as you join a ranger for an easy walk to Rainbow Falls. Take the 10:00 a.m. cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on the 2:30 p.m. boat.

2 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) hike
Goat Haunt Ranger Station

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7:00 am	Early Morning Bird Walk																	•				•							•		
8:30 am	Heart of Glacier Hike																			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9:00 am	Grinnell Valley Boat Trip & Hike													•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9:30 am	Wildflower Walk																•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•
2:00 pm	Nature Walk																			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
4:00 pm	Preserving History Hotel Talk and Stroll														•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5:30 pm	Scope It Out														•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8:00 pm	Many Glacier Campground Evening Talk														•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
8:00 pm	Native America Speaks																											•			

Walks & Hikes



Early Morning Bird Walk

Identify and listen to the songbirds of the valley. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

3 hours, easy 3-mile (4.8 km) hike

Boat dock behind the Many Glacier Hotel

Heart of Glacier Hike

Discover the treasures of Glacier’s interior on a hike to Iceberg Lake or one of the other unique areas in the heart of Glacier. May include walking in snow.

6-7 hours, moderate 10-mile (16 km) hike

Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch

Wildflower Walk

Explore the trails of Many Glacier as you learn of the diversity and beauty of the area’s wildflowers.

2 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) hike

Grinnell Glacier trailhead in the Many Glacier picnic area

Nature Walk

Explore the natural world along the way to Wilbur Falls and Fishercap Lake.

1 hour, easy 1-mile (1.6 km) hike

Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch

Hotel Tours



Preserving History Hotel Talk and Stroll

Learn why historic buildings are preserved in National Parks in this special program on the history and current rehabilitation project going on at the Many Glacier Hotel.

45 minutes, some walking with stairs

Many Glacier Hotel Dining Room

Boat Tours & Hikes



Grinnell Valley Boat Trip & Hike

Cruise Swiftcurrent Lake and Lake Josephine (a ¼-mile walk over a moderate hill is required between the lakes) followed by an optional hike to spectacular Grinnell Lake. Trail conditions may alter the hike route.

Purchase tickets in advance and arrive at the Many Glacier Hotel boat dock 20 minutes prior to departure. Fee: \$26 adults; \$13 children ages 4-12; free for ages 3 and younger. Call (406) 257-2426 for reservations. Reservations are highly recommended.

3½ hours, easy 2.5-mile (4 km) hike

Many Glacier Hotel boat dock



Yellow-bellied Marmot

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Red Rock Falls

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Spotting Scope Programs



Scope It Out

A Watchable Wildlife Activity

Use our spotting scopes to scan the slopes for wildlife as a park ranger answers questions about Glacier’s animals.

Drop by between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Swiftcurrent Motor Inn parking lot

Talks & Evening Programs



Campground Evening Talk

Experience a national park tradition by joining a ranger for an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of the park. Check bulletin boards for specific topics. Non-campers welcome.

45 minutes

Many Glacier Campground Amphitheater

Native America Speaks

Gain a new perspective as members of the Blackfeet tribe share their histories and traditions. Non-campers welcome.

45 minutes

Many Glacier Campground Amphitheater



Sticky Geranium

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